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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of the IAC Ad Hoc Committee on Revision of NSCIDs

SUBJECT : Elimination of NSCID #15

1. Discussions in the Ad Hoc Committee and in the IAC have indicated general agreement that elimination of NSCID #15 is desirable, provided its substance can be included in the final re-drafts of other NSCIDs, particularly by the insertion of appropriate additional language in NSCID #1 or #3. Accordingly, the Chairman of the Economic Intelligence Committee was asked to examine this problem and propose suitable language to the EIC. On 13 October the EIC concurred in his recommendation that NSCID #15 can be properly eliminated in the light of present re-drafts of NSCID #1 and #3, provided that the following paragraph is also added to one of these directives.

"The Director of Central Intelligence shall insure that on all important intelligence issues affecting the national security the intelligence community is supported by the full knowledge and technical talent available in the Government. He shall also insure that the pertinence, extent, and quality of the available foreign intelligence and intelligence information relating to the national security is continually reviewed as a basis for improving the quality of intelligence and the correction of deficiencies."

2. The EIC pointed out that their endorsement of this proposed language was from the point of view of economic intelligence. They also emphasized that whatever language is finally adopted must (together with other language already in #1 and #3) provide adequate authority for DCID 15/1. The Chairman of the EIC feels that the proposed language is essential for the retention of the EIC's present Terms of Reference, IAC-D-22/1.

3. I agree that with the addition of this recommended language NSCIDs #1 and #3 would provide the necessary authority for DCID 15/1 and for the EIC's Terms of Reference, and that they would also eliminate the need for a separate NSCID #15. It is suggested that the two sentences proposed might well be added to NSCID #1 as a new paragraph 11 following the present paragraph 10, with the present paragraphs 11 through 15 renumbered accordingly. The Ad Hoc Committee will be asked to consider this recommendation at an early meeting.

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